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English Octogenarians. This seems an age of remarkable octogenarians. Louisa, duchess of Abercorn, who is in her eighty-seventh year, went recently to visit Lord and Lady Tankerville, her host being in his ninetieth year, says the London Telegraph. The duke of Richmond and Gordon, who is also the Duc d'Aubigny in France, is 81, and yet his favorite sport is fishing, and quite recently his grace hooked, played and landed a fine, strong salmon twenty pounds in weight. There is the Earl Fitz William, who recently entered his eightyfifth year, and is still enjoying excellent health, and a keen rider to hounds, even if he no longer goes quite straight across the country. The duchess of Cleveland, who has entered her eighty-first year, is always to be seen at the great afternoon events of each London season. Lord and Lady Braybrooke, although both on the right side of 80, recently celebrated their silver wedding, and Mrs. Gladstone is another of the notable octogenarians of this century end.

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Belated Avowal.

By Mary C. Hews.



you, Barbara! I've always liked you," stammered John Leighton, awkwardly, leaning against the kitchen windowwith a shy, embarrassed smile. "I've never seen my way clear to telling you

The woman to whom he spoke flat-iron to the stove before she answered. Seen under favorable circumstances her face must have been an attractive one. To-day, however, her hair was twisted into a solid knot brown calico; her eyes showed traces both stern and sorrowful.

morning, Barbara! I can start fair af-

"Yes, John, I know you've always head to foot, liked me," she spoke in a hard, resolute tone, "just as I know that you like old Towser, and the horses and cows at home; and pleasant weather in haying time, and a good price for your apples in the fall. You're used to me, and you have a fashion of lik-

ing what you see around every day.' Her listener flushed hotly, opened his lips, then closed them again, as if he found it difficult to utter what was always liked you."—The Criterion. in his mind.

"I feel like telling you just once, John," went on the voice at the ironing-table, "how much you've cared for me in reality. It began when I was eighteen, you remember-with plenty of others to choose from. I John Leighton's honest eyes rested ipon her in astonishment, but hers were bent upon her work. "You paid me lots of attention at first, but you never really said—anything. I kept expecting that you would, through week after week, and month after month; and I set my whole heart upon you, John, fifteen years ago! It's a long time to be kept waiting upon un-certainties, isn't it? No; don't inter-rupt me! For at least half of those years I've wanted to have my say once. Now I'm going to.

"You needu't look at me so reproachfully, either. I understood all along that your mother had queer turns, and wasn't exactly right in her mind; and everybody said she was scared almost to death for fear you'd bring a wife home. But didn't you know you could trust me to wait, John -and hold to you steady through

"What did you say? That was just it-you didn't want to stand between me and anything better? I showed so many signs of wanting anything better, didn't I?" She smothered a sudden sob-"and a girl has no pride to be hurt, of course, when folks keep asking her when it's to be, and she knows in her own heart that there is no 'it,' let alone the 'when.'

She flung a handful of drops at random across the sleeves of a garment that she had been drying while she talked. Her cheeks were scarlet now, her eyes shining. You needn't look ashamed of me," she flashed out excitedly. "I know you're thinking I'm too bold to live, but I shouldn't ton, if the house wasn't let and my trunks all packed to go out of it tomorrow. When this ironing's finof myrtle from the burying-ground-

stung you, if I am." about my brother, and the

shame-"What did that amount to, anyway?" It wasn't you that forged the it's any man's duty to put on every yoke that a whole family see fit to whittle out for him. You were foolish six hundred dollars is a pretty big sum for a farmer to save up and pay out for somebody else, as you have. But I never cared so much for you in my life as I did the night you told me about it-and when you got through the telling you took up your hat and went home without so much as a good-

window had bowed his head. More a Paris newspaper which thus obtains, than one thread of silver gleamed in by means of photographs, its special his hair as the sunlight fell upon it; pictures of the war "taken on the his face was grave and pale. "Bar spot."

Only the same old story, told in a different ing in his voice, "I've always—"

She did not seem to hear him. "I did expect you'd speak, John, when father died and I was left all alone I can own it now as honestly as if I'd died, too, you see. Some Sometimes it seems to borrow from the thing has died in me lately; my heart, perhaps, or the old happy feeling -and there's nothing left but the lonesomeness and the ache.

A sigh that was almost a groan came from her listener, but he made no at-

tempt to speak. "I used to think there never were two people any better suited to live together than we were"-for the first time her voice trembled. "We're both plucky and fond of work; a good laugh now and then suits one of us just as well as it does the other; we like books, too, and we're about the only ones in the neighborhood who realize that there can be a little strip of the world outside of what's in sight from Mont rose Hill. As to dispositions, I'm quick, I know, but I don't hold my temper; and you—why you haven't any temper to hold."

"I don't know about that." John twirled his straw hat upon his fingers, and made the admission with slow sin cerity. "I can be pretty spunky when I get started, but I've always liked you too much for--

"Oh, well, it does not make any difference now! The end has come at last-both to the wishing and the worrying." She had dried her wet fingers upon her apron and stood erect with tightly-folded arms. "You've sill, and looking in let duty, and what you were foolish enough to call disgrace, stand between us like a great iron fence. You've played at being dumb so long that you are almost dumb in reality at last; and so before-but-but-I've made the I'm nothing but a homely, disagreelast payment on that old account this able, old cross-patch in these days, whatever I may have been once. I'm going to live in Springfield after this, out of sight of the old home where I stepped back, and returned a cooling used to be so happy. When you go by here on your way to the postoffice perhaps you'll remember the times we've talked together down by the cinnamon rose-bush in the garden, and forgive me for being so hateful to you above the collar of an unbecoming this last morning. It's almost killed me to blame you, John; but-someof tears, and the drooping corners of how-I can't help it." Her voice her mouth rendered her expression yielded upon the words to a sudden storm of sobs that shook her from

The straw hat fell unheeded to the ground. Its owner made two steps to the open door, two more to the kitchen, and clasped her, heedless of resistance, in his arms. His eyes, misty with sympathy and love, sought hers eagerly; his heart beat with strong throbs of tenderness-but his lips shaped only the familiar words,

Evolution of the Dinner Hour. The hour for taking the meal spoken of in the old records as "dinner" has changed from 9 in the morning till about 1 p. m., while the so-called "supper" time shows a similar variawas a pretty girl in those days, too, tion in having shifted from 4 in the as there's no harm in saying now, when all the prettiness has faded." ing. Both meals grew proportionately later together, the interval between them being always nearly the same. Dinner at 10 and supper at 4 was the custom under the earlier Tudors, while in the reign of Elizabeth these meals were severally advanced to 11 a. m. and 5 in the afternoon. This relative progression continued, and in the time of Charles II. dinner was taken at 12 or 1 and supper at 7 or 8 o'clock. In the reign of Anne the "dinner" assumed something of its modern significance. Attention began to be concentrated upon it, and supper to play a less important part. The former still continued to get later, and finally supper was pushed over the "edge of the night." With the accession of the House of Brunswick, "dinner" became, in fact, the principal meal of the day. Four o'clock was the Court hour in the earlier part of George III.'s long reign. while during the regency and reign of his successor it crept gradually on-ward to 6. William IV. left it at 7, and soon after the Queen's accession So'clock was regarded as the "correct" time. The doctors protested, but fashion prevailed. How "the" hour has still contrived to get a little later we all know. What it may be in the twentieth century is a forecast not lightly to be ventured on .- London

Sample of Boer Humor.

Presumably the Boers who captured an unusually shrewd Kaffir the other day and robbed him, never had heard of Portia's three caskets. Had they been better up in their Shakespeare be saying all this to you, John Leigh- they might have done better financially. The Kaffir was carrying a cake of soap in his hand, in which he had hidden \$400 in gold. In his pockets ished-and I've taken up a little root was about a dollar and a haif in silver. The Boers who captured him I'm through here. Don't upset that gathered in the silver, but scorned the flower-pot, John; there's no need of soap, and then let him go with his jumping 'round as if something had treasure. Another party of burghers, "Barbara—aren't you forgetting cumstances, acted not only with acumen, but with positive humor. They, too, captured a Kaffir "runner," who was carrying letters. That was harmless enough, but he also was carrying check-besides, I never can see that a copy of Punch. As an act of simple justice, they lashed him to a wheel of one of their wagons and then started off again, while the culprit revolved to let it go that 'twas your signature; slowly and ignominiously until the journey was ended. Later, however, he escaped.

Home-Made War Pictures,

A Paris correspondent of the Sheffield (England) Daily Independent states that he has seen men, dressed in military costumes, as Boers and The man who stood outside the the east end of Paris in the interest of

##OFFICIAL CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP GOOD ROADS NOTES.

MOCKACIONO INCIDIO POR PROPERCIONO INCIDIO POR PROPER Connecticut Highways.

The first payments are being made from the Connecticut State Treasury to the various towns which have availed themselves of the road im provement law passed by the last Legislature. The essential features of that statute are the payment by the State of three-quarters of the cost of improved roads in towns with a tax list of \$1,000,000 or less and two thirds of the cost in towns with tax list of more than \$1,000,000; the State not to spend more than \$175,000 in one year nor more than \$4500 in any one town annually; the sum of \$6000 a year for State inspection to come out of the \$175,000; and a proviso by which a town may, with the assent of the State Highway Commis sion, use the full amount of the ap propriation for two years. The returns at the Highway Com-

missioner's office show a remarkable success of the new law. Out of 168 towns in the State 115 have this year made applications. Out of the \$350. 000 appropriated by the State for two years-or \$338,000, excluding inspection expenses-all but \$30,000 is exhausted by the applications of the 115 towns, which will receive from \$500 to \$4500 each from the State. The law only relates to main roads between towns, and of these it is estimated at the Commissioner's office that on 500 miles improvements have now been completed since State aid began and on several hundred miles more improvements are in progress or immediately projected. During 1899 and 1900, including payments by the towns, the outlay under the law, present and prospective, amounts to about \$433,000. In fifty-three of the 115 towns gravel roads or regrading has been done or is in progress, in some cases preliminary to hardened

Under the various laws passed at recent sessions of the State Legislature, there has been an outlay of about \$800,000 and 138 towns out of 168 in the State have availed themselves of the various State-aid laws. A very encouraging feature of this statute is the large number of small country towns which have begun highway improvement, and the sum of \$30,000 of the State appropriation still left will be given first to the towns not yet applying, and secondly, to the towns which have not asked for more than \$500. The secondary effects of the law in improving roads and awakening communities in the State to the importance of better highways have been very great, not a few towns spending much larger sums than usual outside of the law, and one town spending \$30,000. In regrading roads, also, much money has been spent effectively, and an evil in the old Connecticut highways

considerably abated. There is complaint that some of the towns do not keep the State-aid roads in proper repair, as provided for under the law, and that important branch of the statute remains to be tested. In such cases the law provides that the State can make the repairs and the town must pay for them. The eagerness to take advantage of the existing law for State aid is indicated by the fact that the 115 towns applying all did so within a period of six weeks.

Wide Tires. Narrow tires are one of the large leaks in farming. In some careful experiments that have been made, it has been demonstrated that on a dry gravel road 2482 pounds could be hauled on tires that were four inches in width, while on the standard tires -one and one-half inches wide-only 2000 pounds could be hauled with the same drait. On hard, dry, smooth dirt roads that were free from dust, the draft necessary to hand 2000 pounds on narrow tires' could haul 2530 on broad tires. If the road was covered with two or three inches of dust, there was an advantage in narrow tires. If the roads are muddy and of sticky clay, and firm under neath, the narrow tire is better. If the clay road is dry on top the broad tires will carry 2200 pounds with the same draft that will be necessary to haul 2000 [pounds on narrow tires. On a drying road of this character, the wide tires particularly show their merit over the narrow tires, for the firmer the road becomes the greater is the difference of draft in favor of the broad tires. That difference is as much as thirty per cent. on the best road. The reason that the narrow tire is better in deep mud is because it has less surface for the mud to cling

Good Roads in Illinois. Chicago is as deeply concerned in the improvement of the country roads as any other community in Illinois. Perhaps in the near future she will be more so, especially if her people con tract such a desire for long-distance country jaunts as that which obtains among the people of other cities at home and abroad. It seems difficult for us to realize that one may mount an automobile in Paris and find a smooth and beautiful road all the way to Lyons, Boulogue, Strasburg, Berlin or Vienna. There is scarcely a piece of country in the United Kingdom that cannot be traveled with bicycle. New York, Massachusetts Pennsylvania and Ohio have done wonders of late years in the way of good road-making. Illinois is younger and has greater difficulties to sur mount, owing to the nature of her soil but by organized and intelligent ef fort can accomplish the desired results. The State should help out the poorer communities and liberal bounties might be provided for counties making the best showing .- Inter-Qcean.

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